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KUHIO'S CAMPAIGN PLAN.

One effect of Kuhio's investigation fizzle at Washington is shown in the two significant cables which the Star prints today about his mission home. One of these dispatches, from Correspondent Breckons, says that the Delegate is coming to urge an uninstructed delegation to the national Republican convention; and the other, from Mr. Timmons, states that Kuhio will work against a Taft delegation. The two messages dovetail and they bear out the current rumor that a hui of anti-Frear men in this city, whose names are well known, will try to control the primaries so as to play the Kuhio game in the convention. This rumor is quite as definite as the one of a plan to do politics with the Board of Health which the Star was the first to expose and which only a day was needed to confirm.

The issue which Kuhio's policy raises is whether Hawaiian Republicans will propose to work in the national convention for Hawaii and the Republican party or for Kuhio and his political revenge. Should a convention be held here which would pass a vote of want of confidence in Governor Frear and then elect either an instructed or uninstructed delegation of anti-Taft men, the outlook for Hawaii would be sorry indeed. In case Taft won and was elected he would be a more or less unfriendly president; if not, and some rival other than Roosevelt won, he would be expected to take the advice of the Kuhio-Ashford coalition about appointments here. Then we might have to wait until administrative things had got so bad as to prompt a strong movement here for commission or military rule. That might become the only recourse of the friends of good government.

POLITICS OR EFFICIENCY?

The Governor has done precisely what the public expected him to do in sustaining Dr. Pratt in his decision to keep politics out of the Board of Health. The attempt to put politics in was, to our mind, congenitally short-sighted in the Territorial Republican committee; and the two examples mark the vital difference between the statesmanlike motive in administration and the political one. But we do not particularly and solely blame this committee; we blame the system. The committee acted after the manner of its kind, yet the system which puts all such committees in the same favorable frame of mind towards government by expediency is one of worst faults in our American plan and produces an hereditary stain in our politics.

Look at the two local contentions. The President of the Board of Health argued that it was his business to make the sanitary inspectors efficient. They in turn were expected to get people to keep Honolulu clean by telling residents how they could put their homes and yards in sanitary shape. If the inspectors did not know the process themselves, they couldn't tell anybody else; so, in his commonsense way, Dr. Pratt went about teaching them, and to make sure that the inspectors had learned the lesson he started in to hold an examination. He meant to make sure that each man was serviceable; that each man knew his duty. Those who did not know it and wouldn't learn, he intended to drop, as in duty bound. This was pure business.

Then came in the politicians with a protest. They said that no examinations ought to have been held; that no man who failed to pass such tests should be discharged; that, in effect, it was more important to keep even the worthless fellows on the public payroll than to give them cause to vote against the party. It didn't matter to the politicians whether the town was kept clean and healthful or whether the inspectors earned their pay or not; the only thing worth thinking about was the integrity of party lines. This was cheap politics, and it is the kind, especially as applied by the counties, in road-building and the like which is driving Hawaii to the verge of bankruptcy.

Of course the Governor could not stand for anything like that. He knows his public duty and performs it; and, even viewing the matter with a political eye he sees that no party can profit by conniving at bad government through inefficiency, graft or any other infraction of the moral law. The man who serves his party best serves his country best; and if the Republican party is to stand it must deserve to stand. It is intolerable to think of keeping any party in power by making itself popular with the ignorant and the vicious. Under such circumstances it would not deserve power or even life.

THAT KUHIO COMMISSIONER.

The Advertiser has no cause to hint that the Washington correspondent of the Star, when he twice denied that there was to be an official investigation of the Governor, merely wanted to be "contrary." Mr. Breckons had nothing to be contrary about. He was not told of what the other local papers had printed on the subject, nor instructed to dispute them. He was simply asked direct questions, in line with the Star query published Wednesday, and he answered them directly in the form given to the Star's readers. We have no reason to think they are otherwise than true to the letter; and we cite the confirmation given in a cablegram from Mr. Timmons, who is in Washington and says "there will be no official investigation of Frear." If Mr. Timmons got this news from our correspondent he, of course, knew before sending it that it had come from official sources.

The Advertiser, however, states that "it expects within a few days to announce the name of the commissioner and the probable date of his arrival in the Islands." In another part of the same article it says "the President has announced that the investigator is to be a special commissioner." This is quite explicit, but unless it is a mere daring generalization our contemporary ought to produce its authority and try to settle the matter. The Associated Press, which is on the closest terms with every administration in power, and owns no politics, has not hinted at so interesting and important a piece of news. It could not have missed it if it had been "announced" either from the White House or the Interior Department; and it would not have valued, as the Advertiser correspondent seems to have done, the empty and boastful inventions of Kuhio and Ashford. The Governor himself has received no such news, though the Department of the Interior would probably have been courteous enough to tell him of any change in its plan of merely getting a written answer from him, on Kuhio's charges—especially in view of its and the President's alleged "announcements" to other people. And try as we may we cannot learn of any news of such an "announcement" as the Advertiser says the President has made being received by the great business agencies here from correspondents who are intent even upon the slightest executive hint regarding Hawaiian policy.

Finally there comes today the news, most favorable to Frear, that Kuhio's mission home is to work against a Taft delegation to the Republican national convention. It follows that he would not do this unless he felt that the use of a club on the President's political aspirations was due a man who had either refused to heed his charges against Frear or was altogether likely to do so.

However we shall wait eagerly for the name of that "commissioner" whom the Advertiser expects to report in a few days and let our contemporary forgets meanwhile will undertake to remind it now and then of the state of public anxiety.

A VARIEGATED POLITICIAN.

It would be natural enough for the Delegate to go Democratic, especially if he thought that party a winner. Originally a monarchist and a bitter hater of Americans, he became, after the annexation which he opposed, a member of the Wilcox Home Rule party. As there seemed to be no way for him to oust Wilcox from the leadership, he deserted that organization and got a native "piece club" together, the much magnified "strength" of which he offered to the Republicans of that day in return for a nomination to Congress. The bargain was struck and Kuhio was elected at any cost, and he has been re-elected on his acceptance of the proffer of the Chamber of Commerce to give him

Walt Mason The Poet Philosopher

He had tried a thousand capers seeking to emblazon his name in the magazines and papers, but he got no grip on fame. As a bard he made endeavor to achieve a large renown; people said his verse was clever, but the monthlies turned it down. In the air he went a-sailing till his pinions touched the skies, but his flights were unavailing, for some other won the prize. Many doodads he invented hoping fame would come his way, and the welkin oft he dented, but his speeches baled no hay. Fortune seemed unkind and brutal, all the world was dark and dour; all the stunts he tried were futile, and his soul was turning sour. While he toiled, dejected, drooping, tired and weary of the game, others teetered past, kerwhopping, to the shining heights of fame. Then this most forlorn of critters, by some kindly sprite inspired, recommended Beeswax Bitters, and secured the fame desired. Now you can't pick up a journal but you'll see his rignmarole, how he suffered pains infernal till the bitters made him whole.

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WALT MASON.

a competent paid white secretary who would do his thinking for him, push measures in his name and give him all the credit of results to aid his political prestige at home.

Now Kuhio is flirting with the Democrats and if they should win the next presidential contest, he could no more keep from going with them, if they would take him, than he could help from swallowing, if his throat were full of poi. His friends Ashford, Colburn and Kinney, from whom the inspiration comes for his present attempt to disrupt the Republican party, would attend to the initiation ceremonies. In fact three or four Honolulu Democrats seem to have given Kuhio the first degree the other night at the Jackson dinner where he appeared, apparently, as the only Republican guest.

What did it profit Taft to make those favorable "announcements" the morning paper tells about if Kuhio was to reward him for this distinguished favor by trying to deprive him of the Hawaiian delegates.

Talk about stuffed geese. Just look at those other two Washington correspondents.

Hitchcock's telegraph purchase plan looks as it should after Taft had sat on it.

If you read the Star you don't get fake news.

Harper's Weekly is sad but resigned.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

DR. E. V. WILCOX—The tenement problem is a serious one in Honolulu, but one that must be solved.

DR. PRATT—I would rather resign than be under the thumb of politicians who would destroy all discipline.

W. PFOTENHAUER—The weather is extremely satisfactory for the plantations. All the mills are grinding steadily.

JOHN WATERHOUSE—Sugar is opening strong this year and everything points to excellent prices for our product.

ALEXANDER HUME FORD—I agree entirely with Bonine as to the hula. It's a shame, though, that the Cleveland passengers had to put up with such an exhibition instead of seeing Bonine's volcano pictures.

PURSER MACPHERSON (Persia)—Everything was quiet in Hongkong and Shanghai when we were there. Business people were despondent at the lull in trade, and all were looking for a speedy ending to the revolution so that the prospects might improve.

DR. NORGAARD—I look to a great improvement among the dairy cows of the county, and the 1912 test for

tuberculosis should show very little of the disease in the city.

FRANK STUMP—Several of my friends on the Cleveland were very enthusiastic about the way in which Captain Dempwolf handled the vessel. They say that he is a wonder.

A. H. FORD—The Public Service Association is doing some great promotion work now and accomplishing many things, but we hope to accomplish a great deal more before we are through, as we are receiving promises of cooperation from all sides.

CAPTAIN RILEY—The Cleveland is not as long as the Mongolia or the Manchuria. The Cleveland is fifteen feet shorter. The Mongolia and the Manchuria are six hundred feet long, and the Cleveland is 585 feet. Actually, though, the Cleveland is a bigger ship.

A. E. MURPHY—The Cleveland tourists were the most appreciative and enthusiastic crowd I ever met. They were all grateful for the attentions shown them and every one of them was delighted with Hawaii. Many of them expressed the determination to return some time in the future when they can stay longer.

OBSERVANCE OF BISHOP'S NINETIETH NATAL DAY

At the meeting called by old-time friends of Honorable Charles Reed Bishop, to take cognizance of his ninetieth birthday, in the Young Hotel roof garden yesterday afternoon, the passage of the resolution covering the letter of congratulation following up the cablegram—which written expressions were reported in the Star's second edition—was preceded and followed by speeches. F. A. Schaefer moved and P. C. Jones seconded the resolution, they being the oldest friends of Mr. Bishop in the business guild. Queen Liliuokalani graced the occasion with her presence. Much of the eulogistic expression of the meeting was directed to the memory of Princess Bernice Bishop, wife of Mr. Bishop and founder by her last will of Kamehameha Schools.

General A. S. Hartwell, chairman, said that perhaps Mr. Bishop was not so much to be congratulated upon reaching his ninetieth birthday as are the Hawaiian Islands in having had him as an earnest friend whose ideal seemed to be to uplift all those among whom he lived.

Mr. Bishop's interest in education and the various benefactions to the community and to many religious, educational and benevolent institutions, which have been sent flowing perpetually from his fortune were in great part the burden of the speeches his worldly success being only incidentally mentioned, and regret was generally expressed that he was not present in person to receive the greetings of his former fellow-townfolk.

Besides the introductory remarks

from the chair the addresses were made by the mover and second of the resolution, Professor M. M. Scott, Hon. William R. Castle, Judge Sanford B. Dole, and Rev. Henry H. Parker, the venerable pastor of Kawaiahao church. Miss Ida Pope, principal of Kamehameha School for Girls, read a paper.

Among those present were Queen Liliuokalani, attended by Colonel and Mrs. Iauka, General A. S. Hartwell, Francis M. Hatch, Judge and Mrs. S.

B. Dole, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Castle, Bishop Restarick, E. Faxon Bishop, D. L. Withington, P. C. Jones, W. A. Bowen, George W. Smith, Chief Justice A. G. M. Robertson, F. T. P. Waterhouse, Father Valentin, W. O. Smith, H. P. Wood, Rev. Henry Parker, G. P. Castle, H. Focke, W. Pfotenbauer, Theo. Richards, Rev. W. B. Olsson, Robert Catton, F. A. Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Damon, Robert Lewera, President Griffiths of Oahu College, Governor Frear, Dr. Clark, Professor Scott, J. A. Rath, C. C. Von Hamm, Willis Pope, superintendent of education; Dr. Brigham, Miss Ida Pope, Internal Revenue Collector and Mrs. Cottrill, F. W. Damon, J. M. Dowsett, H. M. von Holt, Mrs. Theresa Belliveau, E. H. P. Wolter, Professor W. D. Alexander, Fred H. Hayselden, D. P. R. Isenberg.

At Kamehameha Schools.

Yesterday evening all the students and most of the faculty of Kamehameha Schools assembled at the Bishop Memorial Chapel to do honor to the life of Hon. Charles Reed Bishop and to emphasize his splendid interest and helpfulness in all that pertains to the best development of Hawaii. President Horne presided. The exercises lasted a little over an hour and included singing by the schools and remarks by those who knew Mr. Bishop more intimately. Eldrick Thompson, who came to Kamehameha in 1889, spoke of his first meeting with Mr. Bishop in New York, together with General Armstrong. Mr. Thompson also spoke of Mr. Bishop's close association with and interest in the schools. He called to mind the Founder's Day address of Mr. Bishop, the last he gave before leaving for San Francisco. In all Mr. Bishop's life he has stood for simplicity in life, dress and habits; he has been careful of what he ate, of how he spent his time. While he had given many thousands of dollars to charity, Mr. Thompson did not believe that Mr. Bishop ever willingly wasted even a nickel.

Miss Pope read a paper on Mr. Bishop's interest in the education of Hawaiian girls, spoke of her acquaintance with him and his helpfulness in the establishing of the school for girls and his ready sympathy always.

Rev. J. L. Hopwood spoke of the nobility of Mr. Bishop's manhood, the influence his life has had and will continue to have.

President Horne spoke of the establishing of the preparatory department and of the Bishop Memorial Chapel, both buildings being memorials to Mrs. Bishop. Mr. Horne also spoke of the great debt all educational institutions in Hawaii owe to Mr. Bishop and urged that the youth of today seek more earnestly to realize their obligation to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and to pass on this heritage unstained to the generations who are to follow.

At Oahu College.

At Oahu College there were exercises at the chapel, when Judge Dole made an address. A photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, handsomely framed, was presented to the college by the Hawaiian students. At the Punahou preparatory school there were also exercises.

Exercises at the Mid-Pacific Institute were reported in yesterday's Star.

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'SHAM BATTLE'

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is causing much concern on the ships of the fleet, for there are many officers aboard the little gunboat that were formerly on the California and other vessels.

Chief Engineer Lando, well known locally, was formerly on the California. Admiral Thomas was at one time executive officer on the little boat. He expressed great regret this morning at the death and the sickness aboard, and said that eighty men meant practically fifty per cent. of the ship's company. When he was aboard her, there were about 170 in her. Captain Bertolette was well known to Admiral Thomas and to many other officers in port.

Whether the boats will go out on Monday or not, of course, is not known, but the present intention is to take them out. There is an element of doubt about it though, and Admiral Thomas, when imparting the news yesterday, mentioned that this was merely his intention, and there was no absolute certainty that the vessels would leave port. If they do the Glacier will be the only representative of the fleet in port. She is over at the railroad wharf.

SAILORS' HOME SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the Sailors' Home Society, held this afternoon in the office of F. A. Schaefer, six trustees were elected to serve in office until December 31, 1914, a period of three years. The new trustees are George F. Davies, W. M. Giffard, B. F. Dillingham, R. Ivers, E. D. Tenney and W. Pfotenbauer. Owing to the small attendance at the meeting the business transacted was confined to routine matters.

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